

ORDERU. S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration

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Southern Region

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SUBJ: SOUTH FLORIDA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT

1. **PURPOSE.** This order establishes the South Florida Traffic Management Unit (SFTMU) as the focal point for the Traffic Management initiatives in South Florida. The Miami Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) Traffic Management Unit will be consolidated with the Miami Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) Traffic Management Unit, and its principal location will be at the Miami ARTCC.
2. **DISTRIBUTION.** This order is distributed to the branch level in the Southern Regional Office and to all South Florida Air Traffic facilities.
3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** July 8, 1996.
4. **BACKGROUND.** In September 1994, a work group was established by the Managers of the Miami ATCT and the Miami ARTCC, consisting of representatives from the National Air Traffic Control Association (NATCA) and Air Traffic Management, and tasked to explore the concept of and make recommendations for creating a single Traffic Management Unit for South Florida. It was the consensus of the group that the development of a single South Florida Traffic Management Unit would enhance operational and resource efficiency and improve traffic management effectiveness, thus improving user services. It was also the consensus of the group that while oversight of the unit would be by both the Center and the South Florida HUB Managers, it would be physically located at the Miami ARTCC.
5. **RESPONSIBILITIES.**
 - a. The Managers of the Miami ARTCC and the South Florida HUB will monitor the effectiveness of the South Florida Traffic Management Unit and make changes as necessary to ensure a system and user benefit from this program.
 - b. The Manager of the South Florida Traffic Management Unit shall provide quarterly reports to the Managers of the Miami ARTC Center, South Florida HUB and the Southern Region Operations Branch, ASO-530. These reports will outline comparisons of operations and delays for current and past year activity at the Miami ARTCC (ZMA), Palm Beach International Airport (PBI), Ft. Lauderdale International Airport (FLL), and Miami International Airport (MIA).
 - c. The Manager, Operations Branch, ASO-530, will review semi-annually, the effectiveness of the South Florida Traffic Management Unit with the Managers of Miami ARTCC, and the

South Florida HUB, to determine if the establishment of the South Florida Traffic Management Unit has achieved the desired goal.

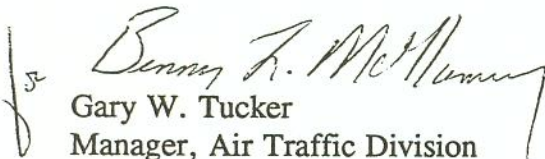
6. **PROCEDURES.**

The procedures outlining the function of the South Florida Traffic Management Unit shall be contained in Order ZMA 7110.3, South Florida Traffic Management Unit, Standard Operating Procedures.

a. The Manager of the South Florida Traffic Management Unit is administratively responsible to the Air Traffic Manager of the Miami ARTCC. Supervisory Traffic Management Coordinator's (STMC) and Traffic Management Coordinator's (TMC) are administratively responsible to the Manager of the South Florida Traffic Management Unit.

b. STMC's and TMC's are operationally responsible to the Area Supervisor-in-Charge at the Miami ATCT and to the Traffic Management Supervisor-in-Charge at the Miami ARTCC.

7. **POLICY.** The South Florida Traffic Management Unit was established to support the work group's recommendations and their vision of one Traffic Management Unit for South Florida committed to safety, service and customer satisfaction.


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